

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new subparagraph beginning at page 5, line 13, as follows:

--Figure 2A is a magnified side perspective view of the hinged cover illustrated in Figure 2;--

Please insert the following new subparagraph beginning at page 6, line 1, as follows:

--Figure 6A is a side perspective view of the hinged cover illustrated in Figure 6;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, as follows:

~~Figure 2 illustrates~~ Figures 2 and 2A illustrate an exemplary book-like object 80 comprising an exemplary outside-hinged cover 86 consistent with the invention. The cover 86 has a front panel portion 82, a rear panel portion 83, and a spine portion 81, and is hinged on the outside of the spine 81. In this outside-hinge configuration, the front 82 and rear 83 panels both rotate about the spine panel 81 by means of hinges 88, 89 formed in a pliable material between the front 82 and rear 83 panels and the spine panel 81, wherein the axes of rotation are located on the outside of the book-like object 80, at or adjacent the spine panel 81. As described in further detail hereinbelow, this outside-hinge configuration limits the inward rotational travel of the front 82 and rear 83 panels toward one another based, not on the thickness of the plurality of pages contained within the cover 86, but instead, based on the configuration of the front 82 and rear 83 panels with respect to the spine panel 81, wherein the spine panel 81 serves as a hinge stop for the front 82 and rear 83 panels. Regardless of whether or not a plurality of pages (or other contents) is attached to the spine 81 of the cover 86,

appropriate support for the front 82 and rear 83 panels is provided when the panels 82, 83 are shut.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 7, as follows:

Turning now to ~~Figure 6~~ Figures 6 and 6A, at this point in the construction, a front 32 and rear 33 panel and a spine 30 are formed by lifting the outer edges 34, 35 of the hinged cover 20 slightly (as shown, forces F_3) and applying an inward force F_1 , F_2 to each outer edge in the direction of one another, such that the elements (i.e., liner 28 and cover 25) along the hinges 38 are forced together. When forced together, the liner 28 and cover 25 may be glued (or otherwise affixed, as described hereinabove) to one another, if adhesive is deposited therebetween prior to the liner sheet 28 being placed in the previous step.

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